



**DIVISION II  
FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME  
ALL-TIME INDUCTEES**

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# CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF INDUCTEES

## PLAYERS INDUCTED

### Class of 1999

Johnny Bailey	RB	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1986-89
Jeff Bentrin	QB	North Dakota State	1983-86
Walter Payton	RB	Jackson State (Miss.)	1971-74

### Class of 2000

Harry Carson	LB	South Carolina State	1972-75
Pierce Holt	DL	Angelo State (Texas)	1984-87
John Stallworth	WR	Alabama A&M	1970-73

### Class of 2001

Brent Jones	TE	Santa Clara (Calif)	1982-85
Greg Lloyd	LB	Fort Valley State (Ga.)	1983-86
Ken O'Brien	QB	UC Davis	1980-82

### Class of 2002

Scott Brunner	QB	Delaware	1978-79
Andre Reed	WR	Kutztown (Pa.)	1981-84
Jessie Tuggle	LB	Valdosta State (Ga.)	1983-86

### Class of 2003

Darrell Green	DB	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1981-82
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### Class of 2004

Phil Hansen	DL	North Dakota State	1987-90
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### Class of 2005

Chris Hatcher	QB	Valdosta State	1991-94
Ronald Moore	RB	Pittsburg State	1989-92
Donnie Shell	DB	South Carolina State	1970-73

### Class of 2006

Cody Gross	QB	North Alabama	1992-95
John Randle	DL	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1988-89
Sean Landeta	P	Towson	1979-82

### Class of 2007

Earl Dotson	OL	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1991-92
Ronald McKinnon	LB	North Alabama	1992-95
Mike Turk	QB	Troy State	1984-87

### Class of 2008

Rod Smith	WR	Missouri Southern State	1988-93
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### Class of 2009

Shannon Sharpe	WR	Savannah State	1986-89
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### Class of 2011

Fred McAfee	RB	Mississippi College	1987-90
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### Class of 2012

Tyrone Poole	DB	Fort Valley State	1991-94
John Mobley	LB	Kutztown (Pa.)	1991-92, 94-95

### Class of 2013

Dusty Bonner	QB	Valdosta State	2000-01
Keth McKeller	TE	Jacksonville State	1986

## COACHES INDUCTED

### Class of 2010

Ken Sparks	Carson-Newman	<b>Years in Division II</b> 1993-Present
Mel Tjeerdsma	Northwest Missouri State	1994-Present
Bobby Wallace	North Alabama	1988-97
	West Alabama	2006-10
	North Alabama	2012-Present

### Class of 2011

Bill Burgess	Jacksonville State	1985-91
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### Class of 2013

Frank Cignetti	Indiana, Pa.	1986-2005
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## ALPHABETICAL LIST OF INDUCTEES

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Jeff Bentrin	QB	North Dakota State	1983-86	1999
Dusty Bonner	QB	Valdosta State	2000-01	2013
Scott Brunner	QB	Delaware	1978-79	2002
Harry Carson	LB	South Carolina State	1972-75	2000
Earl Dotson	OL	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1991-92	2007
Darrell Green	DB	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1981-82	2003
Cody Gross	QB	North Alabama	1992-95	2006
Phil Hansen	DL	North Dakota State	1987-90	2004
Chris Hatcher	QB	Valdosta State	1991-94	2005
Pierce Holt	DL	Angelo State (Texas)	1984-87	2000
Brent Jones	TE	Santa Clara (Calif)	1982-85	2001
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Fred McAfee	RB	Mississippi College	1987-90	2011
Keth McKeller	TE	Jacksonville State	1986	2013
Ronald McKinnon	LB	North Alabama	1992-95	2007
John Mobley	LB	Kutztown (Pa.)	1991-92, 94-95	2012
Ronald Moore	RB	Pittsburg State	1989-92	2005
Ken O'Brien	QB	UC Davis	1980-82	2001
Walter Payton	RB	Jackson State (Miss.)	1971-74	1999
Tyrone Poole	DB	Fort Valley State	1991-94	2012
John Randle	DL	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1988-89	2006
Andre Reed	WR	Kutztown (Pa.)	1981-84	2002
Shannon Sharpe	WR	Savannah State	1986-89	2009
Donnie Shell	DB	South Carolina State	1970-73	2005
Rod Smith	WR	Missouri Southern State	1988-93	2008
John Stallworth	WR	Alabama A&M	1970-73	2000
Jessie Tuggle	LB	Valdosta State (Ga.)	1983-86	2002
Mike Turk	QB	Troy State	1984-87	2007

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Bill Burgess	Jacksonville State	1985-91	2011
Frank Cignetti	Indiana, Pa.	1986-2005	2013
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Ken O'Brien	QB	California-Davis	1980-82	2001
Scott Brunner	QB	Delaware	1978-79	2002
Greg Lloyd	LB	Fort Valley State (Ga.)	1983-86	2001
Tyrone Poole	DB	Fort Valley State (Ga.)	1991-94	2012
Walter Payton	RB	Jackson State (Miss.)	1971-74	1999
Keth McKeller	TE	Jacksonville State (Ala.)	1986	2013
John Mobley	LB	Kutztown (Pa.)	1991-92, 94-95	2012
Andre Reed	WR	Kutztown (Pa.)	1981-84	2002
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Cody Gross	QB	North Alabama	1992-95	2006
Ronald McKinnon	LB	North Alabama	1992-95	2007
Jeff Bentrin	QB	North Dakota State	1983-86	1999
Phil Hansen	DL	North Dakota State	1987-90	2004
Ronald Moore	RB	Pittsburg State (Kan.)	1989-92	2005
Brent Jones	TE	Santa Clara (Calif)	1982-85	2001
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Darrell Green	DB	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1981-82	2003
John Randle	DL	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1988-89	2006
Sean Landeta	P	Towson (Md.)	1979-82	2006
Mike Turk	QB	Troy (Ala.)	1984-87	2007
Dusty Bonner	QB	Valdosta State (Ga.)	2000-01	2013
Chris Hatcher	QB	Valdosta State (Ga.)	1991-94	2005
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## **JOHNNY BAILEY - TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE (formerly Texas A&I)**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1986-89)**

**INDUCTED 1999**

A native of Houston, Texas, Johnny Bailey closed his career as college football's all-time leading rusher with 6,320 yards, the all-time leader in all-purpose yards with 7,803, and as one of the most honored college players in history. He was a three-time Harlon Hill Trophy winner and the runner-up as a freshman. He was named to the Little All-America first team four times and to the AFCA All-America team four times. He is the only non-Division I player to make the Football Writers Association All-America team, winning Player of the Year honors in both 1986 and 1987. He was named Domino's Pizza AFCA Player of the Year twice, Street & Smith magazine's Exemplary Player of the Year, South Texas Sportsman of the Year three times, and was selected to 14 All-America first team spots. He had 100 or more yards in the first 11 games he played. His team had 38-8-0 record with him in the lineup and he is a member of the Javelina Hall of Fame. He set more than 50 NCAA Division II records. In 1997, Bailey was selected to the Division II Team of the Quarter Century and as the Offensive Player of the Quarter Century. He rushed for 6,320 yards, had 7,803 all-purpose yards, 70 TDs and averaged 7.1 yards per carry. His 428 points ranked third best in collegiate history. Bailey was drafted by the Chicago Bears and played with the Bears, the Arizona Cardinals and the St. Louis Rams during his pro career.

## **JEFF BENTRIM - NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1983-86)**

**INDUCTED 1999**

Jeff Bentrिम was the first winner of the Harlon Hill Trophy in 1986 and was selected a first team All-American by the Football News, Associated Press, and Kodak as a senior. He was the starting quarterback in four straight national championship games (1983-86), guiding North Dakota State to three national championships and one runner-up finish. He led NDSU to records of 12-1, 11-2, 11-2-1, and 13-0 that included an 11-1 record in the playoffs. He is the only player in NCAA history (all divisions) to lead the nation in scoring three times. He scored 64 rushing touchdowns in regular season play. At that time, it surpassed the previous NCAA record of 63 set by Walter Payton of Jackson State. Bentrिम was named North Central Conference Most Valuable Player as a senior and was the all-time leading rusher, total offense performer and scorer in NDSU history when he left. In 1997, Bentrिम was selected to the Division II Team of the Quarter Century. In 47 career games he had 826 rushes, 3,876 yards and 81 touchdowns. Through the air, he completed 252 of 514 passes for 4,205 yards and 32 TDs. Bentrिम played four years in the Canadian Football League, helping to lead Saskatchewan to the 1989 Grey Cup Championship in Canada.

## **DUSTY BONNER - Valdosta State University**

**(Years Played in Division II - 2000-01)**

**INDUCTED 2013**

A native of Valdosta, Ga., **Bonner** is a two-time recipient of the Harlon Hill Trophy as the Division II College Football Player of the Year, taking the honor in 2000 and 2001. He completed 649-of-913 pass attempts and threw for 8,163 yards during his two-year career with the Blazers. He tossed 107 touchdown passes with just 22 interceptions, while leading Valdosta State to playoff appearances during the 2000 and 2001 seasons. Bonner holds the VSU school record for passing yards in a game, touchdowns thrown for in a game, total offense in a game, touchdowns responsible for in a game, yards per game in a season, total offense in a season and touchdowns responsible for in a season. He is third overall in career passing yards and second in both career touchdowns and total offense. He threw for 4,126 yards and 55 touchdowns as a junior at VSU, completing 71.9 percent of his passes. He led the nation in total offense, touchdown passes, passing yards and pass completions while leading VSU to a 10-2 record. He was a three-time Gulf South Conference Player of the Week and a three-time Division II National Player of the Week. He was selected first-team All-GSC and GSC Co-Offensive Player of the Year. He was named All-American by the American Football Coaches Association, the Associated Press, the College Sports Information Directors of America and Don Hansen. As a senior he threw for 4,037 yards and 52 TDs while leading VSU to a perfect 11-0 regular-season and No. 1 national ranking. He was GSC Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight season and accounted for eight touchdowns in a game against Delta State, throwing for six and rushing for two more. He was named All-American by Daktronics, D2Football.com and Don Hansen. Bonner, Johnny Bailey and Danny Woodhead are the only players to have won the Hill Trophy more than once in the award's 27-year history. Bonner was also selected as the quarterback on the GSC Team of the Decade for 2000-09. Following his senior season at VSU he signed a free agent contract with the Atlanta Falcons and later played three seasons with the Lexington Horsemen of the Indoor Football League. In 2003 he was the North Atlantic Conference Offensive Most Valuable Player, throwing for 2,833 yards and 63 touchdowns. In 2004 he led the Horsemen to the league championship, throwing for 2,695 yards and a league-record 72 touchdowns. He later joined the front office of the Horsemen as the General Manager.

## **BILL BURGESS - JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Coached in Division II - 1985-92)**

**INDUCTED 2011**

Bill Burgess was a Division II head coach at Jacksonville State University from 1985-92. He led the Gamecocks to the Division II Championship Game three times in the school's last four seasons in Division II. JSU lost in the Championship Game in 1989 and 1991 before winning the Division II National Championship in 1992. He had a remarkable 12-4 record in the Division II playoffs and had an overall record of 69-22-4 in his eight seasons in Division II, including going 56-8-1 from 1988-92. Burgess led Jacksonville State to four Gulf South Conference crowns (1988, 1989, 1991, 1992) and five straight NCAA Division II playoff appearances (1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992). He had a 32-3-1 record against GSC opponents from 1988-92. He was a three-time Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year selection and was named the 1992 NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year. He continued to coach JSU through the 1996 season and his overall collegiate record was 89-49-4.

## **SCOTT BRUNNER - UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1978-79)**

**INDUCTED 2002**

Scott Brunner was a two-year letterman at Delaware from 1978-79 and led the school to the 1979 NCAA Division II National Championship with a 38-21 win over Youngstown State in the Zia Bowl. As a senior he was named first-team American Football Coaches Association All-American after completing 134 of 268 passes for 2,401 yards and a school record 24 touchdowns. He was drafted in the sixth round of the 1980 NFL draft by the New York Giants and he played in New York from 1980-83. He helped take the Giants to the 1981 NFL playoffs, throwing three touchdown passes in a wild card win over the Eagles and three more in a semifinal loss to the 49ers. For his career in New York, Brunner was 482-of-986 for 6,121 yards and 28 touchdowns. He later joined the Broncos and Packers in 1984 and played for the Cardinals in 1985. His career NFL passing stats were 512-of-1,046 for 6,457 yards and 29 touchdowns.

## **HARRY CARSON - SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1971-75)**

**INDUCTED 2000**

Harry Carson was a four-year letterman at South Carolina State from 1971-74. He set a then school record and Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference record for sacks with 17 in 1975. He also set school and conference records with 112 tackles. He was named MEAC Defensive Player of the Year in both 1974 and 1975, becoming the first player to win the honor back-to-back. He was All-State, All-MEAC, and All-American in 1974 and 1975, and runner up for South Carolina Player of the Year in 1975. He anchored the 1975 team that set a still-standing NCAA record for points allowed with 29 in 10 games. The team had six shutouts, and his team's finished with a 23-6-2 regular season record during his three years as a starter. Carson was drafted in the fourth round of the NFL draft by the New York Giants in 1976. He went on to a stellar 13-year career that included nine Pro Bowl appearances in 10 years from 1978-1987, with 1980 as the only season in that period where he wasn't selected for the Pro Bowl. He was voted All-NFL in 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985 and 1986. His 13 years with the Giants is the sixth longest period by any player in franchise history and is just two seasons shy of the record of 15 years by Phil Simms and Me Hein. He played on the Giants' 1986 Super Bowl Championship team. He was named to the Sheridan Broadcasting Network 100 Year Anniversary Black College All-America Team, the Division II Team of the Quarter Century (1973-96), and he is a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame and the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame.

## **FRANK CIGNETTI - Indiana University, Pa.**

**(Years as Head Coach in Division II - 1986-2005)**

**INDUCTED 2013**

**Cignetti** is the winningest head coach in Indiana University of Pennsylvania history and led the Hawks to unprecedented success during his 20-year tenure from 1986 to 2005. It didn't take long for Cignetti to find success at IUP, leading the Hawks to conference titles in his first two seasons in 1986 and 1987 and subsequent Division II national title game appearances in 1990 and 1993. He took IUP to 13 Division II playoffs appearances, including six trips to the national semifinals, and he led the Hawks to at least a co-share of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Western Division title 14 times. Under his tutelage, IUP ranked in the Top 20 each season from 1986-2004, achieving undefeated regular seasons in 1991 and 1993. He retired after the 2005 season as the third-winningest active coach in Division II. His career record as a Division II coach was 182-50-1 for a 78.3 winning percentage. Cignetti's teams received the Lambert Cup 10 times as the top Division II team in the East. He was named the PSAC West Coach of the Year five times and the Kodak College Division Regional Coach of the Year three times en route to earning Chevrolet Division II National Coach of the Year honors in 1991. Cignetti coached 11 First Team All-Americans and 124 First Team All-PSAC performers. Cignetti served as the offensive coordinator at West Virginia University under College Football Hall of Fame coach Bobby Bowden from 1970-75 before taking over as the Mountaineers' head coach for four seasons (1976-79). The former NAIA All-American, who played end at IUP from 1956-59, was an inaugural member of his alma mater's athletics hall of fame in 1996, and he served as the school's athletics director from 1982-98. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2013.

## **EARL DOTSON - TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1991-92)**

**INDUCTED 2007**

Earl Dotson was a consensus All-American at Texas A&M-Kingsville in 1991 and 1992, earning recognition from the Associated Press, the American Football Coaches Association and Football Gazette. He was the Lone Star Conference Lineman of the Year as a senior and was All-Lone Star Conference. He helped lead the Javelinas to the NCAA playoffs in 1992. He was the first offensive lineman to be a finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy when he finished seventh in the 1992 voting. He is now one of just two offensive linemen to achieve that distinction in the 21-year history of the award. He is also the first offensive lineman inducted into the Division II Football Hall of Fame. He was drafted by the Green Bay Packers and gained a starting role in the second game of his career. He was the starting tackle on the 1997 Super Bowl Championship team and his 10-year NFL career included two Super Bowls and 12 playoff games. He played in 120 games for the Packers from 1993-2002. In 1997 he was selected for the NCAA Division II Team of the Quarter Century.

## **DARRELL GREEN - TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE (Formerly Texas A&I)**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1979-82)**

### **INDUCTED 2003**

Darrell Green was a two-year letterman at Texas A&I University (now Texas A&M-Kingsville) and earned All-American honors from the Associated Press and the American Football Coaches Association as a senior. He was selected Lone Star Conference Most Valuable Player in 1982 and was a two-time All-Lone Star Conference pick. He also earned All-American honors in track as both a junior and senior and was the NCAA Division II champion in the 100 and 200 in 1982. He was drafted in the first round of the National Football League draft by the Washington Redskins and went on to a remarkable 20-year career in the NFL. Green holds the NFL record with at least one interception in 19 straight seasons. He also set an NFL record for the most seasons played with one team at 20 (1983-2002). He set Redskins records for most regular-season games played and most games started. He began his pro career by being named Associated Press NFL Rookie of the Year and in 1991 he won the title as the "World's Fastest Man." He earned seven trips to the Pro Bowl (1984, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1996, 1997) and was named NFC Defensive Player of the Week five times. He was selected NFL man of the Year and awarded the Bart Starr and Ken Houston Humanitarian Awards in 1996. He was chosen for the NCAA Division II Team of the Quarter Century in 1997 and was selected as the Defensive Player of the Quarter Century in Division II.

## **CODY GROSS - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1992-95)**

### **INDUCTED 2006**

Cody Gross had a 41-2 record as a starting quarterback from 1992-95 at North Alabama, including a 12-1 record as a starter in the NCAA playoffs. He set school records for career rushing touchdowns and touchdowns scored (40), career touchdowns responsible for (65) and career total offense (5,614). His only two losses as a starter were to 1992 Division II National Champion Jacksonville State in the NCAA quarterfinals (12-10) and to 1994 Division I-AA National Champion Youngstown State (17-14) in Youngstown in a regular-season matchup. Despite suffering a torn muscle, he played extensively in the 1995 Division II Championship Game, leading three scoring drives in a 27-7 win over Pittsburg State. He led UNA to 14-0, 13-1 and 14-0 records from 1993-95 and played on UNA teams with a combined 48-5-1 record that included three straight GSC titles, three straight national championships and four straight playoff appearances. He was chosen All-Gulf South Conference and GSC Offensive Player of the Year in 1995. He was selected for the 50th Anniversary UNA Football Team for 1949-98, the Gulf South Conference "Team of the Quarter Century" for 1971-95 and the Gulf South Conference Team of the 1990s. A native of Rogersville, Ala., began a coaching career following his graduation.

## **PHIL HANSEN - NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1987-90)**

### **INDUCTED 2004**

Hansen was the anchor of a solid defensive unit at North Dakota State for three seasons and was a two-time first-team All-American pick. He tied a school record for career quarterback sacks with 41 in regular season play and set a school mark with 32 career pass break-ups. He started on NCAA Division II National Championship teams in 1988 and 1990 and was twice named All-North Central Conference and Most Valuable Player in the league. He played in three All-Star games following his college career including the East-West Shrine, the Blue-Gray, and the All-American Classic. He was also the top vote-getter on the defensive line on the NCAA Division II "Team of the Quarter Century". A second round draft pick by the Buffalo Bills, Hansen was a starter for the Bills beginning early in his rookie season. He played on three Super Bowl teams with the Bills, was a member of the NFL All-Rookie team in 1991, and was first or second in sacks with the Bills for several seasons. His 11-year NFL career included playing in 156 games with 149 starts. He made 870 total tackles with 597 solo and 273 assists. He had 61.5 sacks for 343 yards in losses, 10 caused fumbles, one interception and 135 quarterback pressures.

## **CHRIS HATCHER - VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1991-94)**

### **INDUCTED 2005**

Hatcher, a Macon, Ga., native, has reached the highest levels of Division II football as both a player and coach. As a quarterback at Valdosta State in 1994 he led his team to the second round of the Division II playoffs and was the winner of the Harlon Hill Trophy as Division II National Player of the Year. He compiled a 29-10-2 record and led the Blazers to their first NCAA post-season playoff appearance. He was a two-time consensus All-American pick and set 11 school, nine Gulf South Conference and eight Division II records. From 1991-94 he completed 1,001 of 1,451 pass attempts for 10,878 yards and 116 touchdowns. He was a two-time recipient of the Gulf South Conference Commissioner's Trophy (1993, 1994), was a member of the GSC Team of the 1990s, was an NCAA Top Eight Award winner (1994), was one of 16 post-graduate scholarship recipients from the National Football Foundation and was named CoSIDA Academic All-America National Player of the Year (1994). He was elected in his first year of eligibility to the Valdosta State Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001 and was elected to the Macon Sports Hall of Fame. He began his coaching career in 1995 and became head coach at Valdosta State in 2000. In 2004 he led the Blazers to the Division II National Championship with a 13-1 record. In his first five seasons as a head coach he had a 59-7 record, was selected GSC Coach of the Year three times (2000, 2001, 2002), Division II Regional Coach of the Year three times (2001, 2002, 2004) and National Coach of the Year in 2000 and 2004.

## **PIERCE HOLT - ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1984-87)**

### **INDUCTED 2000**

Pierce Holt was a four-year letterman as a defensive lineman at Angelo State from 1984-87. He helped lead Angelo to Lone Star Conference Championships in 1984 and 1987, and to the NCAA quarterfinals in 1987. He was a three-time first-team All-Lone Star Conference selection. In 1986 and 1987, he was chosen as LSC Defensive Lineman of the Year, and first-team Kodak and Associated Press Little All-America. Holt played professional football from 1988 to 1995. He was a second round draft pick in 1988 (39th) by San Francisco 49ers and played with them from 1988-1992, including playing on the 1988 and 1989 49er Super Bowl championship teams. He was awarded All-NFL Rookie Honors in 1988. During his career with the 49ers, Holt played on three NFC Championship teams. He was named NFC Defensive Player of the Week in 1989, with four sacks vs. NY Giants. He was selected All-NFC by Pro Football Weekly, All-Pro USA Today and was an AFC-NFC Pro Bowl starting selection in 1992. He also played with the Atlanta Falcons from 1993-95. He was the highest paid defensive player in the NFL and the first Falcon with a guaranteed contract at the time of his signing. He was named to the Lone Star Conference All-Pro Team for the decade of the 1980s and the LSC All-Decade team for the '80s. He was voted the LSC Defensive Player of the Decade of the '80s, and he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1997. Also in that year, Holt was named to the Division II Football Team of the Quarter Century (1973-96). In 2000 he was selected for the Lone Star Conference Hall of Fame.

## **BRENT JONES - SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1982-85)**

### **INDUCTED 2001**

Brent Jones was a four-year letterman at Santa Clara from 1982-85 and was named Kodak, Associated Press and Football News All-American in 1985. He was a three-time All-Western Football Conference selection from 1983-85. He played in the East-West Shrine All-Star game in 1986. He was named Greater San Jose Male Athlete of the Year in 1985 and All-WFC Player of the Year in 1986. He ranks first at Santa Clara in receptions with 137, fourth in receiving yards at 2,267, fourth in scoring with 200 points and third in TD receptions with 24. He holds the SCU single-game record for TD receptions in a game with three. His top game was 176 yards receiving against Sonoma State in 1982. Jones was signed as a free agent by the San Francisco 49ers in 1987 after originally being drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers. Over the next twelve years (1986-98), he caught 417 passes for 5,195 yards and 33 touchdowns. He was selected All-Pro each year from 1992 to 1995 and played in the Pro Bowl four times. In 1990, he set a 49ers record for yards receiving by a tight end with 747. He played on Super Bowl championship squads in 1988, 1989 and 1994. In 1997, Jones was named to the Division II Football Team of the Quarter Century. He was named to the All Madden Team in 1992 and 1997. He received the Lou Gehrig "Iron Man" of the Year award in 1996 and the True Value/NFL Man of the Year for the 49ers in 1997. He was also named the San Francisco 49ers 50th Anniversary All-Time Tight End. He was the recipient of the Athletes in Action Bart Starr Award and City Team Ministries "Good Samaritan" of the Year in 1998.

## **SEAN LANDETA - TOWSON UNIVERSITY (Formerly Towson State University)**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1979-82)**

### **INDUCTED 2006**

Sean Landeta was a four-year letterman and starter at Towson University from 1979-82. He was a three-time All-Eastern College Athletic Conference selection for the Tigers from 1980-82 and led Division II in punting in 1980 with a 43.4 average. He was named to the Kodak and Associated Press All-America teams as a senior in 1982 and was later selected as the punter for the NCAA Division II Team of the Quarter Century from 1972-97. He began his professional career by playing three seasons in the United States Football League from 1983-85 with the Baltimore/Philadelphia Stars. He earned two USFL championship rings and was a two-time, first-team All-USFL punter. In 1985 he signed as a free agent with the New York Giants and spent the next 21 years in the National Football League. His NFL involvement includes playing with the Giants (1985-93), Los Angeles Rams (1993-94), St. Louis Rams (1995-96), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1997), Green Bay Packers (1998), Philadelphia Eagles (1999-2002), St. Louis Rams (2003-04) and Philadelphia Eagles (2005). Landeta is the NFL career leader in total punting yardage with 60,707, and is second in league history in total punts with 1,401. He holds the all-time NFL record for the highest punting average (43.3) among punters with 1,000 or more punts. He was named "Punter of the Decade" for the 1980s by the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and was second-team "Punter of the Decade" for the 1990s. He was a two-time Pro Bowl selection in 1986 and 1990 and was three-time first-team All-Pro (1986, 1989, 1990). He punted for two Super Bowl Champion New York Giant teams in 1987 and 1991 and was named the punter on ESPN's All-Time Super Bowl Team in 2006. Landeta averaged 43.3 yards per punt over his NFL career, including 381 punts downed inside the opponents 20-yard line. He led the NFC in punting four times and he finished third or better nine times.

## **GREG LLOYD - FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II -1983-86)**

**INDUCTED 2001**

Greg Lloyd was a three-time All-Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection, Fort Valley State's Defensive MVP three times, SIAC Player of the Year in 1986, first-team Sheridan All-America (1986), and a Harlon Hill Trophy candidate as a senior. He holds Fort Valley State's record for most sacks in a career (32). He helped lead the team to two SIAC championships (1983,1985) and an appearance in the NCAA Division II playoffs (1985). The 1985 team achieved its highest ranking ever in the Division II Poll (No. 2) that season. The defensive unit also ranked No. 1 in the nation in Division II in pass defense, scoring defense and total defense in 1985. During Lloyd's tenure at Fort Valley, the Wildcats were 33-9. In 1997, Lloyd was selected as a member of the Division II Football Team of the Quarter Century. As a pro, Lloyd was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the sixth round of the 1987 draft. After spending the entire 1987 season and most of the 1988 season on injured reserve, he cracked into the starting lineup in 1989 and went on to be named Steelers MVP in 1991 and 1994. He was an Sporting News All-Pro selection in 1994 and 1995 and played in the Pro-Bowl from 1992-96. He was also named to the All-Madden Team and helped lead the Steelers to Super Bowl XXX in 1996. He made 547 tackles, recorded 56 sacks and caused 34 fumbles as a Steeler. He signed with Carolina in 1998 and closed his career with the Panthers.

## **FRED McAFEE - MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1987-90)**

**INDUCTED 2011**

Fred McAfee was an All-American running back at Mississippi College where he rushed for 4,416 yards and scored 40 total touchdowns for the Choctaws from 1987-90. He was a two-time first-team All-Gulf South Conference pick and, at the time of his induction, still ranked as the second leading rusher in GSC history, more than two decades after his last game. As a senior he rushed for 1,583 yards and 17 touchdowns and finished third in the Harlon Hill Trophy voting. McAfee played 16 seasons in the National Football League with New Orleans Saints, Arizona Cardinals, Pittsburgh Steelers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1991-2006. He was a Pro Bowl selection in 2002 and played with the Steelers in Super Bowl XXX in a losing effort to the Cowboys. He is the only player in Saints franchise history to be on the roster for three (1991, 2000, 2006) of the team's division titles. The 1991 season was his most prolific, offensively, as he rushed for a career-high 109 times for 494 yards and two touchdowns. At the time of his induction he was in his fifth year as Director of Player Development for the New Orleans Saints.

## **KEITH McKELLER - Jacksonville State University**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1986)**

**INDUCTED 2013**

**McKeller**, a Fairfield, Ala. native, was a two-sport standout with the Jacksonville State Gamecocks, but he did it in an unconventional way. A highly respected tight end in high school, McKeller signed a basketball scholarship with Jacksonville State. During his four-year career, the 6-4, 220-pound McKeller earned All-Gulf South Conference honors four consecutive years. In addition to being named the "Most Valuable Player" in the 1984-85 GSC Tournament, he helped the Gamecocks to a 31-1 record that same year, including a 31-game winning streak, and the NCAA Division II National Championship. He concluded his basketball career as JSU's second all-time leading rebounder with 1,209 and fourth leading scorer with 1,495 points. In 1986, he walked on with the Gamecock football team, having not played a down of football since his high school days. He immediately became the starting tight end and led Jacksonville State in pass receiving that year, hauling in 26 passes for 449 yards and three touchdowns. For his efforts he earned first-team All-Gulf South Conference honors. He impressed the Buffalo Bills enough that they took him in the ninth round of the 1987 National League draft. After two years on the inactive roster, McKeller became a solid fixture in the Bills offense. In addition to hauling in 121 passes for 1,383 yards and 10 touchdowns during his NFL career, he was the starting tight end in four consecutive Super Bowls (1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993). Injuries forced an early retirement in 1993, but McKeller still ranks third on the Bills' all-time list for receptions by a tight end with 121.

## **RONALD McKINNON - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1992-95)**

**INDUCTED 2007**

Ronald McKinnon was a four-year starter North Alabama football teams from 1992-95 and is one of the most honored athletes in college football history. A four-time, first-team All-GSC selection, McKinnon is one of just a handful of three-time consensus All-Americans in NCAA Division II history. He was selected the winner of the 1995 Harlon Hill Trophy as NCAA Division II National Player of the Year, becoming the first - and so far only - defensive player to win the award. He helped lead UNA to a combined 48-5-1 record that included three straight GSC championships and three straight NCAA Division II National Championships. He closed his career as the leading tackler in school and GSC history with 621 total stops and 407 primary stops. He had 29 career tackles for loss, seven sacks, 11 interceptions and recovered five fumbles. As a senior he had 139 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, four interceptions and four sacks. He was named to the Gulf South Conference "Team of the Quarter Century" for 1971-95, was selected the "GSC Defensive Player of the Quarter Century" for 1971-95 and was named to the NCAA Division II "Team of the Quarter Century" for 1973-97. He was selected for the 50th Anniversary UNA Football Team for 1949-98 and the Gulf South Conference Team of the 1990s. He signed a free agent contract with the Arizona Cardinals of the National Football League following his senior season and spent the next 10 seasons in professional football. McKinnon played in 157 NFL games, spending nine seasons with the Cardinals and one with the New Orleans Saints. He finished his professional career with more than 1,000 tackles, 12 sacks and 10 pass interceptions.

## **JOHN MOBLEY - KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1991-95)**

**INDUCTED 2012**

John Mobley played linebacker at Kutztown University (Pa.) from 1991-95 and was an Associated Press All-American as a senior. In his time at Kutztown, Mobley played 40 games for the Golden Bears and recorded 198 unassisted tackles, 187 assisted tackles, 387 total tackles, 23 pass break-ups, eight fumble recoveries, 19 sacks and eight interceptions (2 TDs). In 1995, he was named AP Little All-American, All-Northeast Region, All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and ECAC All-Star. A three-time All-PSAC pick, Mobley was also KU's short yardage back and return specialist as a senior, scoring five touchdowns on 12 carries. He was named KU's Athlete and Senior Athlete of the year for 1995-96 and was named to the Division II Team of the Quarter Century in 1997. He was the 15th overall pick in the 1996 NFL Draft by the Denver Broncos and went on to win two Super Bowls with the Broncos during his eight seasons (1996-2003) with the franchise before his career was cut short by an injury. During his career in the NFL, Mobley played in 105 career games, starting 102 of them for the Broncos, including two Super Bowls. He made 608 career tackles, has 10.5 quarterback sacks and five interceptions for 45 yards and a touchdown. He was selected All-Pro in 1997. Mobley is the second Division II Football Hall of Fame inductee from Kutztown.

## **RONALD MOORE - PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1989-92)**

**INDUCTED 2005**

Moore, a Spencer, Okla., native, helped lead Pittsburg State to two national championship games, one national title and was the Harlon Hill Trophy winner as national player of the year in 1992. He ranked second in Division II in rushing with 239 carries for 1,864 yards and 26 touchdowns and a 169.5 average per game. He led Division II in scoring with 27 touchdowns for 166 points and a 15.1 average. He also ranked eighth in kickoff returns with a 27.7 average on 14 returns and averaged 7.8 yards per carry and 217.6 all-purpose yards per game. Moore was selected first-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association and Kodak, the Associated Press and every other recognized Division II All-America team. His average of 169.5 yards per game is the highest ever at PSU. His 7.8 yards per carry is the best in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association history. His 26 rushing TDs and 27 total TDs set school and conference single season records and his 166 points scored also set PSU and MIAA records. He finished his career with a school-record 4,299 regular-season rushing yards in 43 regular-season games. He finished 16th on the NCAA Division II all-time career chart and third on the MIAA all-time rushing list. Moore topped the 100-yard mark 14 times in his last 15 outings and 28 times in his career. He was a two-time All-MIAA selection and helped Pitt State to a school record 24 consecutive wins, including the 1991 NCAA Division II national championship. He rushed for 1,040 yards as a junior in 1991 and scored 14 touchdowns on a team that featured another 1000-yard back in Darren Dawson, and the Harlon Hill Trophy winner Ronnie West. He had 1,013 yards and 10 TDs as a sophomore. While in college he also served as president of PSU's Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Moore played seven years in the NFL with the Cardinals, Jets, Rams and Dolphins. As a rookie in 1993 he rushed for 1,018 yards with the Cardinals and scored nine touchdowns. He played with Arizona from 1993-95, played with the Jets in 1995-96, the Rams in 1997 and the Dolphins in 1998.

## **KEN O'BRIEN - UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-DAVIS**

**(Years Played in Division II -1980-82)**

**INDUCTED 2001**

Ken O'Brien was a three-year letterman atquarterback at the University of California-Davis from 1980-82. During his career with the Aggies, O'Brien rolled up 6,673 passing yards, completing 470 passes and scoring 44 touchdowns. O'Brien passed for a career high 413 yards in a single game in 1982, setting a UC Davis single game passing record. He added another record to UC Davis book when he recorded 2,976 total yards during the 1982 season. He also holds a school record for attempts in a career with 820. During his collegiate career, O'Brien was a 1982 first-team All-American and was awarded UC Davis honors that included the Colby E. Slater Award (UC-Davis Male Athlete of the Year), the Jerry Norris Award (Most Valuable and Inspirational Award), and the T. Palmer Moody Award (outstanding sophomore). From college, he was taken in the 1983 draft as the 24th overall pick, becoming the No. 1 pick for the New York Jets. He played 10 seasons in New York from 1983-92. He completed 2,039 of 3,465 passes for 24,386 yards and 124 touchdowns. He led the Jets in passing from 1985-91. His passing totals in 1985 (3,818), which led the AFC, and 1986 (3,690) rank second and third, respectively, in Jets history behind only Joe Namath's 1967 season. His 96-yard TD pass in 1985 ranks as the longest in Jets history. He was voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates in 1985 and awarded the Ed Block Award (Most Courageous Player) by his teammates in 1989. O'Brien was inducted into the UC Davis Hall of Fame in 1990, and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1997.

## **WALTER PAYTON - JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1971-74)**

### **INDUCTED 1999**

Walter Payton was a two-time first team All-American in 1973 and 1974 at Jackson State University. He ran for 3,563 yards and scored 66 total touchdowns, setting the NCAA scoring record with 464 points. He set a Southwestern Athletic Conference record for most points in a game and led the nation in scoring in 1973 with 160 points. He was a four year starter at Jackson State, setting nine school records and receiving votes for the Heisman Trophy in 1974. In 37 games he had 584 carries for 3,563 yards, averaging 6.1 yards per carry. He also had 474 yards passing for a total of 4,037 career yards. He added five field goals and 53 extra points for 464 total points. Payton was a first round draft pick by the Chicago Bears in 1975. He played 13 seasons and was named to the pro Bowl nine times. By the end of his professional career, Payton was the NFL's all-time leading rusher with 16,726 yards. In 1987, the Most Valuable Player Trophy for Division I-AA was named in his honor. In 1993, he was named to the Black College All-Time team. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993. Payton was also named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary All-Time team in 1994 and has been inducted into the JSU Sports Hall of Fame and SWAC Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1996, and in 1997, Payton was named to the Division II Football Team of the Quarter Century. He was also a member of the Chicago Bears Board of Directors. He died on November 1, 1999.

## **TYRONE POOLE - FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1991-94)**

### **INDUCTED 2012**

Tyrone Poole was a consensus All-American pick at cornerback as a senior at Fort Valley State (Ga.) University in 1994. During his days at Fort Valley State, Poole helped lead the Wildcats to two Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships and was a first-team All-SIAC pick in 1993 and 1994. He was named SIAC Defensive Player of the Year in 1994 and was named All-American by the Associated Press and the American Football Coaches Association. He was named to the Division II Team of the Quarter Century in 1997. A first-round draft pick by the Carolina Panthers in the 1995 NFL Draft, he went on to a 13-year career in the National Football League and was a part of two Super Bowl Championship teams with the New England Patriots. He was the 22nd overall selection in the 1995 NFL draft by the Panthers and was named to the NFL "All Rookie Team" in 1995 while helping lead Carolina to a 12-4 regular season record and its first NFC West title in only the franchise's second year of existence. During his 13-year NFL career he started 112 games, made 406 tackles and picked off 18 passes that he returned for 231 yards. He is the second Division II Football Hall of Fame inductee from Fort Valley State and the fourth from the SIAC.

## **JOHN RANDLE - TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1988-89)**

### **INDUCTED 2006**

John Randle was an All-American defensive lineman at Texas A&M-Kingsville in 1988 and 89. He was selected All-American by the Associated Press and Football Gazette, was All-Lone Star Conference and LSC Defensive Lineman of the Year. He helped lead the Javelinas to two Lone Star Conference championships as the teams had a combined 20-4 record. Randle was named to the Lone Star Conference Team of the Decade for the 1980s and to the Division II Football Team of the Quarter Century. He was also inducted into Javelina Hall of Fame. He signed as a free agent with the Minnesota Vikings and became one of the Vikings' all-time greats during his 11 seasons with the club. Was signed by the Seattle Seahawks in 2001, playing three years. Was a seven-time Pro Bowl player and played in 183 consecutive games before an injury forced him to miss a 2001 game with Oakland. Had 131 sacks from 1991-2002, tops in the NFL, and his eight consecutive 10-plus sacks seasons rank second in NFL history behind Reggie White's nine. Made 496 career tackles, including 137.5 career sacks.

## **ANDRE REED - KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1981-84)**

### **INDUCTED 2002**

Andre Reed was a four-year letterman at Kutztown from 1981-84, making 142 career catches for 2,002 yards and 14 touchdowns. Upon completion of his collegiate career, he held school records for catches in a game, season and career, most yards receiving in a game, season and career and touchdown catches in a game, season and career. He was named All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and ECAC All-Star in 1983 and 1984. He was drafted in the fourth round by the Buffalo Bills following his senior season and played the next 15 years with the Bills, helping to lead the team to four Super Bowls. His final professional numbers, including a season with the Washington Redskins, ranked Reed near the top of all receivers in the history of the NFL with 951 receptions for 13,198 yards and 87 touchdowns. He had four seasons with more than 1,000 receiving yards. He played in 19 post-season games in Buffalo with 85 catches for 1,230 yards and nine TDs. He was the Bills leading receiver 10 times in 15 seasons and was selected for seven consecutive Pro Bowls for the AFC from 1988-94. He was selected for the NCAA Division II Team of the Quarter Century in 1997.

## **SHANNON SHARPE - SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1986-89)**

### **INDUCTED 2009**

A native of Glenville, Ga., Sharpe was a standout receiver at Savannah State College (now Savannah State University) from 1986-89. He graduated from Savannah State with a degree in criminal justice. Sharpe led the 1988 and 1989 Savannah State Tigers to a combined 15-4 record that included an 8-1 finish in 1989. Sharpe was the 1989 Co-Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year and a first-team All-SIAC pick as a flanker. He was also selected to the Kodak Small College All-America team. He was the first Savannah State football player to play in the Blue-Gray Classic (1990) and the East-West Shrine Game (1990). He was also named College Player of the Year in the state of Georgia. A three-time All-SIAC selection in 1987, 1988 and 1989, Sharpe owns SSU single season receiving records for yardage (1,312), touchdowns (18) and yards per catch (21.5), all set as a senior. For his career at SSC, Sharpe caught 192 passes for 3,744 yards and 40 touchdowns. Sharpe was selected in the 7th round of the 1990 National Football League Draft, 192nd overall, by the Denver Broncos, and spent the next 14 seasons in the NFL. After spending his rookie season at wide receiver, head coach Dan Reeves convinced him to convert to tight end where he became one of the greatest performers at his position in the history of the game. He ranks second in the NFL in career receptions by a tight end (815), behind only Tony Gonzalez. Sharpe remained with Denver until 1999, winning two championship rings in Super Bowl XXXII and Super Bowl XXXIII in the process. After a two-year stint with the Baltimore Ravens (2000-01), where he won another championship ring in Super Bowl XXXV, he returned to the Broncos where he played until 2003. Sharpe was selected All-Pro four times, played in eight Pro Bowls (1992-1998, 2001), including seven in a row, and amassed over 1,000 receiving yards in three different seasons. In a 1993 playoff game against the Los Angeles Raiders, Sharpe tied an NFL postseason record with 13 receptions for 156 yards and a touchdown. In the Ravens 2000 AFC title game against the Raiders, he caught a short pass on third down and 18 from his own four-yard line and took it 96 yards for a touchdown, assisting his team to a 16-3 win. He finished his 14-year career with 815 receptions for 10,060 yards and 62 touchdowns in 204 games. He then retired to become a broadcaster and is an analyst on the NFL Today on CBS. On Sept. 20 of 2009 he was inducted into the Denver Broncos Ring of Fame, and on October 17 his jersey number (2) was retired by his alma mater.

## **DONNIE SHELL - SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1970-73)**

### **INDUCTED 2005**

Shell, a native of Whitmire, S.C., was a standout performer as a linebacker and defensive back at South Carolina State College (now University) during his collegiate career from 1970-73. As a senior the 5-foot-11 Shell was the dominant player at his position in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, earning All-MEAC honors. He was also named to the Associated Press and Pittsburgh Courier All-America teams. At the conclusion of his collegiate career, Shell signed as a free agent with the Pittsburgh Steelers (1974) of the National Football League. During an illustrious career with the Steelers, which spanned eleven seasons, he started every year, earned All-Pro five times and helped Pittsburgh to four Super Bowl Championships. He was selected to the Steelers All-Time Team and to the NFL Silver Anniversary Super Bowl Team. He played in more than 200 games as a Steeler and made 51 interceptions - making him the only strong safety in NFL history to record 50 or more interceptions. He has also been voted to the NCAA Division II Team of the Quarter Century and the Sheridan Broadcasting Network (SBN) Black College 100-Year Anniversary squad. Shell was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame at South Bend, Ind., in 1998. Earlier, he was enshrined in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame, the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, and the South Carolina State University Hall of Fame. Since 1994, Shell has served as Director of Player Development for the Carolina Panthers of the NFL. In this capacity, he has earned the "Best Player Programs" award from the NFL in 1998 and 1999 and garnered the "Most Outstanding Player Programs" honor from the NFC in 2000. In 2002, the NFL Player Development created the Winston/Shell Award in his honor for being one of the pioneers in player development and always having one of the most creative programs in the NFL. A 1974 graduate of South Carolina State with a degree in physical education and a minor in biology, Shell went on to earn a master's in guidance and counseling from South Carolina State in 1977.

## **ROD SMITH - MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Years Played in Division II - )**

### **INDUCTED 2008**

A native of Texarkana, Ark., Smith enjoyed a stellar career at Missouri Southern State University where he set conference records in career receiving yards (3,122) and touchdowns (35). He also still holds school records for catches in a game (13), receiving yards in a game (254), receiving yards in a season (1,439), highest average gain per reception in a season (24.0), touchdown receptions in a season (15) and longest pass reception (98 yards). He finished his career with 158 receptions for 3,122 yards and 34 touchdowns, which is now third all-time. As a senior in 1993, he was named first-team All-American by the AP, Kodak, Football Gazette, and NCAA Division II Sports Information Directors. He finished the year as a Harlon Hill Finalist after posting 63 receptions for 986 yards and 13 touchdowns.

After graduating in 1994 with degrees in Economics and Finance, General Business, and Marketing and Management, Smith was named Missouri Southern's Outstanding Graduate. Smith began his pro-career by signing with the Denver Broncos practice squad in 1994. He played 13 seasons and recorded 849 receptions for 11,389 yards and 68 touchdowns, all of which are franchise records. He ranks 12th on the all-time NFL career receptions list and 19th all-time in career receiving yards. He leads all undrafted players in NFL history in every major career receiving category. He posted eight career 1,000 yard seasons, including six straight from 1997-2002. He is also one of just six players to have back-to-back seasons with 100 receptions. He was named to the Pro Bowl in 2000, 2001, and 2004. He would go on to help the Broncos win back-to-back Super Bowls in 1997 and 1998. His first career catch in 1995 was a 43-yard game winning touchdown pass from John Elway against the Washington Redskins. Smith out-jumped NFL Hall of Famer Darrell Green for the ball in the endzone as time expired. Smith enjoyed a break-out season in 1997, recording six 100-yard games. He started all 16 regular season games and lead the team with 1,180 yards receiving on 70 receptions. He also ranked third in the NFL with 16.9 yards per pass and caught 12 touchdowns. In Denver's 24-21 AFC Championship victory over Pittsburgh, Smith caught a career playoff-high six passes for 87 yards. He helped the Broncos win Super Bowl XXXII over the Green Bay Packers. Smith helped the Broncos defend their Super Bowl title in 1998 by posting 86 receptions for 1,222 and 6 touchdowns. He tied for third in the NFL in receptions and finished fourth in receiving yards. In the postseason he caught 12 passes for 260 yards and two touchdowns. Smith also recorded his first career pass completion when he hit John Elway for a 14 yard gain on a wide receiver reverse pass. In Super Bowl XXXIII against Atlanta, Smith caught 5 passes for a career post-season high 152 yards. This included an 80-yard touchdown from John Elway in the second quarter to help Denver pull out a 34-19 victory. It tied for the second-longest play from scrimmage in Super Bowl history. Smith once again led the Broncos in receiving yards and receptions in 1999 after catching 79 balls for 1,020 yards. He recorded four touchdowns and finished with a long reception of 71 yards. He became the first player in franchise history to post three consecutive seasons with 1,000 or more receiving yards. In 2000, Smith was elected to his first Pro Bowl game. He was also named second-team All-NFL by the Associated Press, first-team All-Pro by USA Today, College & Pro Newsweekly and Football Digest, and All-AFC by Pro Football Weekly and Football News. He started all 16 regular-season games and set a career high with 1,602 yards on 100 receptions to go along with 8 touchdowns. His 1,602 receiving yards tied for ninth most in a season in NFL history. Smith followed up with another Pro-Bowl season in 2001. He was selected as a starter after catching a career high 113 passes for 1,343 yards and 11 touchdowns. He became one of six players in NFL history to catch 100 or more passes in back-to-back seasons. He set a NFL record by catching 67 passes in the first eight games of the season. This was the most ever by an NFL player at that stage of a season. Smith was voted offensive captain by his teammates in 2002 and went on to lead the Broncos in receiving yards for the sixth straight season. He caught a team high 89 passes for 1,027 yards and 5 touchdowns. He caught his 500th career pass in a game against Miami. Smith ended the year as the Broncos' all-time leader in receiving yards, receiving touchdowns, and 100-yards games and second in receptions and total touchdowns. Smith again led the Broncos in receptions and receiving yards in 2003. He caught 74 passes for 845 yards and three touchdowns. He caught his 600th career pass against San Diego, making him the 31st player in NFL history to do so. He also finished the regular season having caught a pass in a team-record 76 straight games. In 2004, Smith recorded his franchise-best seventh 1,000 yards season. He finished the year with 79 receptions for an AFC high 1,144 yards and 7 touchdowns. Smith passed Shannon Sharpe and became the Broncos franchise leader in receptions and touchdown catches. He became one of 20 players in NFL history to record over 700 career receptions. He also became the only undrafted player to eclipse 9,000 career receiving yards. He recorded a career high 208 yards receiving against Arizona. He became the second Bronco in team history to top 200 receiving yards. He extended his franchise-record streak to 92 consecutive games with a catch. Smith was named to the Pro Bowl for the third time in his career after a record-breaking year in 2005. He was again led the Broncos with 85 receptions for 1,105 yards with six touchdowns. He passed Terrell Davis to become the Broncos career leader in touchdowns scored. He also became the NFL's first undrafted player to record 10,000 career receiving yards. Smith became the Broncos all-time playoff leader in career receptions and receiving yards with 49 catches for 869 yards. Smith extended his franchise-record pass-catching streak to 124 games in 2006. He caught 52 passes for 512 yards and 3 touchdowns. He became the team's all-time leader in combined yardage with 12,488 combined yards. He also collected his 800th career pass reception against St. Louis. Smith retired just before the start of the 2008 season after injuries forced him to miss the entire 2007 season. He retired as the Broncos all-time leader in every major receiving category.

## **KEN SPARKS - CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE INDUCTED 2010**

### **(Years Coached in Division II - 1993-Present)**

The head coach at Carson-Newman (Tenn.) College for the last 36 years (1980-2015), Ken Sparks ranks as the winningest coach in NCAA Division II football history with a 334–92–2 career record. His Division II record is 199–56–1 in 23 seasons. His teams have won 13 conference championships (1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009) and made 15 NCAA playoff appearances (1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015) since joining Division II in 1993. His 19 post-season wins in Division II are tied for the second most by any coach in the division's history. He has led Carson-Newman to three Division II Championship Game appearances. In addition to numerous conference coach of the year awards, he received National Coach of the Year recognition in 1999. He has been inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and served as President of the American Football Coaches Association in 2008. He led Carson-Newman to five NAIA National Championships.

## **JOHN STALLWORTH - ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY INDUCTED 2000**

### **(Years Played in Division II - 1970-73)**

John Stallworth set numerous receiving marks at Alabama A&M in 1972 and 1973. He earned a B.S. degree in management and later added a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in finance. At A&M he caught 103 passes, including 48 as a senior for 925 yards, and was a two-time All-Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference pick. He played in the Senior Bowl, following the 1973 season. He later had his jersey number retired. Stallworth went on to become an All-Pro receiver in the National Football League. From 1974-87 he set numerous Pittsburgh Steeler records, including 63 touchdowns in a career, 67 straight games with one or more pass reception, 25 games with 100 or more yards receiving, seven games in one season with 100 or more yards receiving, 8,723 career yards receiving, 1,395 receiving yards in a single season and 80 catches in a season. In addition to his 80 catches in 1984, he added 75 in 1985 and 70 in 1979 for the top three performances in Steeler history. His 537 career catches is also a record. He led the team in receiving five times, was Steeler MVP in 1979 and 1984, Pro Bowl selection in 1980, 1983 and 1985 and was a member of the championship team in Super Bowls IX, X, XII and XIV. He was twice chosen as the Steelers' Most Valuable Player and was named Dapper Dan Man of the Year in 1984. He was also named to the All-Time Steelers' team in 1982 and he was selected Vector's Sports Man of the Year in 1987. He was voted to the Senior Bowl Hall of Fame and the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1989. In 1997, Stallworth was named to the Division II Football Team of the Quarter Century. Stallworth, a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., was born on July 15, 1952. He has been honored with John Stallworth Days in Huntsville, Ala., Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Los Angeles, Calif. He serves as President of Madison Research Corporation - an aerospace engineering company in Huntsville.

## **MEL TJEERDSMA - NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY INDUCTED 2011**

### **(Years Coached in Division II - 1994-2010)**

Mel Tjeerdsma served as head coach at Northwest Missouri State from 1994-2010 and retired with a 183–43 record that included 13 NCAA Division II Playoff appearances, seven trips to the NCAA Division II Championship Game (1998, 1999, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009) and three National Championships (1998, 1999, 2009). He is one of just two coaches in the history of Division II football to coach three national championship teams. He led Northwest Missouri State to 12 conference championships (1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010) and 13 NCAA playoff appearances (1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010). Including 10 years as head coach at Austin College, Tjeerdsma has a 242–82–4 record as a collegiate football coach. His all-time 42 playoff games coached and 32 playoff wins are the most in Division II history. His 1998 national championship team was also the first in Division II history to go 15-0. He served as President of the American Football Coaches Association in 2006. In his last five years at Northwest Missouri State he led the Bearcats to undefeated 9-0 conference records.

## **JESSIE TUGGLE - VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY INDUCTED 2002**

### **(Years Played in Division II - 1983-86)**

### **INDUCTED 2002**

Jessie Tuggle was a four-year letterman at Valdosta State from 1983-86 and was a three-time All-Gulf South Conference selection. As a senior he was a consensus All-American after recording 129 tackles. He was a two-time recipient of the Hugh C. Bailey Player of the Year award at VSU. His Jersey #88 was retired at Valdosta State, where he was also inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997 and named Distinguished Alumnus in 2002. He signed with the Atlanta Falcons as a free agent in 1987 and went on to start for the Falcons at middle linebacker from 1989-2000. He played in 209 games, helping to lead Atlanta to four playoff appearances, including Super Bowl XXXIII. He played in the Pro Bowl in 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997 and 1999 and holds the NFL record for career touchdowns off fumble recoveries (five). He had 12 straight seasons with over 100 tackles. He was named Falcons "Man of the Year" in 1993, served as United Way national spokesperson in 1995-96 and the athletic workout facility at Valdosta State is named the Jessie Tuggle Strength and Fitness Complex.

## **MIKE TURK - TROY UNIVERSITY (Formerly Troy State University)**

**(Years Played in Division II - 1984-87)**

### **INDUCTED 2007**

Mike Turk, a native of Montgomery, Ala., was a walk-on quarterback at Troy State University (now Troy University) who led the Trojans to NCAA Division II National Championships in 1984 and 1987. He was a three-time, first-team All-GSC pick and was the runner-up for the Harlon Hill Trophy as a senior in 1987. He was a consensus All-American pick as a senior and was Football News Division II Offensive Player of the Year. That same season he became the first person to be chosen as the Alabama Sports Writers' Association Small College Athlete of the Year and Amateur Athlete of the Year in the same year. During his playing career, Turk rushed for 2,632 yards and produced 5,739 yards of total offense. Both of those figures rank second in Trojan football history at the time of his induction. Turk led the Trojans to a 40-8-1 overall record during his career, including a 7-1 record in the Division II playoffs. Following his graduation from Troy, Turk coached 13 seasons with the Trojans. During his time as running backs coach at Troy, the Trojans had nine backs earn all-conference honors. At the time of his induction he was head football coach of the Huntingdon College in his hometown of Montgomery.

## **BOBBY WALLACE - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA/UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA**

**(Years Coached in Division II - 1988-97, 2006-10, 2012-Present)**

### **INDUCTED 2010**

Bobby Wallace ranks as the winningest head coach in Gulf South Conference history (141) and is one of just two coaches in Division II history to coach three National Championship teams. Wallace was head coach at North Alabama from 1988-97 and had an 82-36-1 record. During that stint he became the first coach in college football history to win as many as 40 games in just three seasons when he led the University of North Alabama to a 41-1 record and three straight NCAA Division II National Championships from 1993-95. He is also the only coach in Division II to ever win three straight national championships (1993, 1994, 1995). After serving as head coach at Temple, Wallace became the head coach at University of West Alabama from 2006-2010. In 2009 he led West Alabama to its first NCAA appearance since 1975 and got a signature win when the Tigers upset No. 1 ranked North Alabama on the road. Wallace returned to North Alabama in 2012 and has led the Lions to three consecutive Gulf South Conference Championships and three straight playoff appearances. He has a 141-79-1 record as a Division II head coach and is 115-49-1 at North Alabama. Wallace has led 10 teams to Division II playoffs, leading North Alabama to nine appearances in 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2013, 2014 and 2015, and West Alabama in 2009. His 17 post-season wins are the fourth most in Division II history. A three-time Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year and three-time AFCA Division II National Coach of the Year, Wallace was also selected Gulf South Conference Coach of the Quarter Century (1971-95) and Division II Coach of the Quarter Century (1972-97). He has also been inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame.